

HOUSE RESOLUTION 81
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jack Bittle on the occasion of his retirement from the Cumberland County Community Chorus.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jack Bittle is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for six years as Director of the Cumberland County Community Chorus; and

WHEREAS, born in Sylvan Lake, Michigan, to parents George and Barbara Bittle, Jack Bittle was the eldest of four children; he first showed an interest in music in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Pontiac High School in Pontiac, Michigan, where he was a member of both the high school band and a combo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bittle earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from the University of Michigan; during his tenure at the school, he played in the percussion section of the marching and symphony bands, and he also played in a group that performed "Big Band" music; and

WHEREAS, he was a school band director for thirteen years, during which time he directed a number of award-winning bands; and

WHEREAS, Jack Bittle later went into school administration: among other positions, he was the Executive Director of the Principal's Association for the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, he directed church choirs for twenty-five years, and he founded and has directed two community choruses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bittle has served with great distinction as the Director of the Cumberland County Community Chorus since January of 1997; and

WHEREAS, he directed his first concert with the Cumberland County Community Chorus in the spring of 1997, and he will conduct his final concerts on Friday night, April 25, and Saturday afternoon and night, April 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Director of the Cumberland County Community Chorus, the chorus increased its membership to a steady 60-plus members, and under his direction, the group increased its performance schedule to three concerts in order to accommodate the large crowds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bittle is an active and important part of his community and his profession; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Jack Bittle is most grateful for the love and companionship of his wife of nearly fifty years, Glenna Webster, and his daughters, Robin Schuler, Susan Myers, and Lori Minnick; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jack Bittle has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Jack Bittle

our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors as we salute his meritorious service as Director of the Cumberland County Community Chorus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.